

# Miss Bjurstead Wins Fast Match on Court

Norwegian Star Defeats  
Miss Marie Wagner Af-  
ter Thrilling Battle.

**SPLENDID PLACING  
DECIDES OUTCOME**

**Champion in Course of  
Afternoon Plays Total  
of 87 Games.**

By FRED HATHORNE.

In one of the fastest matches between women played this season, Miss Nolla Bjursteadt, national outdoor, indoor and Metropolitan champion, defeated Miss Marie Wagner, Eastern New York State champion, yesterday afternoon in the final round of the annual women's open tournament, held by the New York Lawn Tennis Club. The famous Norwegian won in straight sets at 6-3, 6-3.

Bjursteadt, wearing the chief cup in the singles, Miss Bjursteadt took part in three mixed doubles matches, playing a total of eighty-seven games in the course of the afternoon. Paired with Ralph L. Rags, the national champion, she defeated the final round, where Miss Wagner and Al Ostendorf opposed them. The first set went to Miss Bjursteadt and her partner at 8-6 and the second to Miss Wagner and Ostendorf at 6-4. They only stopped then because of darkness.

More than three hundred spectators were grouped about the court when the singles match was put on. The tie-up of traffic on the surface lines in The Bronx proved a hardship to many of those in the gallery, for they had been compelled to walk long distances to see the champion in action. The match was a thrilling battle, with Miss Bjursteadt and Miss Wagner repaid them, however, and nobody left until the last match had been played.

**Aim for Side Lines.**  
Miss Wagner began the service and took the first game after double fault. She called three times. Both girls "broke" the ball hard from deep court, shooting mostly for the side lines. Once or twice Miss Bjursteadt attempted to come in to the net, but each time the Eastern New York State champion edged swift drives past her and forced the Norwegian again into backcourt.

The harder a ball comes at her the faster and more accurately Miss Bjursteadt plays, and it was so yesterday. The driving rallies, with her partner, Miss Wagner, who was a very strong player, Miss Bjursteadt's splendid placing kept her opponent running all over her court. When she had drawn Miss Wagner far out of position by hammering her returns alternately down the side lines, the national champion would make a rush for the net and from there take the ball on the full volley and earn the point.

The fourth and eighth games, both on Miss Bjursteadt's service, went to Miss Wagner, who tricked her adversary out of position by clever change of pace, but the great Norwegian was gathering speed all the time, and put such tremendous pace into her drives, either forehand or backhand, that Miss Wagner simply could not maintain the speed set, and Miss Bjursteadt won the set at 6-3.

The point score in the opening set:  
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**Long Deuce Game.**

A long deuce game featured the beginning of the second set, with Miss Bjursteadt serving, but here again Miss Wagner broke the tie by passing her opponent at the net as the Norwegian tried to come in for the finishing point. But in the next two games Miss Bjursteadt uncovered a remarkable speed and hard hitting, and did not allow her opponent a single point.

Miss Wagner was hammering consistently at the national champion's backhand, supposed to be her weakest point, but yesterday she discovered that the fair foreigner had so perfected that stroke as to render it unsafe to play the ball to her left side.

Miss Bjursteadt used to play the ball to her left side, but yesterday she shot over backhand strokes that were marveled at speed and placement, and her local star was glad to switch her attack to a lobbing game, in an effort to keep Miss Bjursteadt near her base line.

**Furious Rallies.**  
Once again Miss Bjursteadt speeded up her play and the two engaged in furious driving rallies. In the eighth game Miss Wagner, near the end of one of these exchanges from deep court, shot over a forehand drive squarely to the corner of base and side line, for what appeared a certain ace.

Miss Bjursteadt brought a salvo of applause from the gallery by racing to meet the ball and shooting it across the opposite court with a powerful backhand stroke that caught Miss Wagner napping out of position.

Taking the sixth game by a whirlwind attack from all over the court, Miss Bjursteadt won the second set at 6-3 and the match. Although defeated, Miss Wagner made the national

champion travel at her fastest to gain the honors.

The point score of the second set follows:

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